



Dear Applicant:

I am proud to represent the Second Congressional District of Connecticut. One of the greatest honors that I have as a Member of Congress is the privilege to nominate outstanding young adults to attend our nation's military academies.

Some of the finest individuals who have served in uniform have chosen a similar path. The number of nominations that I may offer to each Academy is limited, and therefore, the application process is challenging and competitive. The reward, however, is worth your time and effort. While not everyone will be able to receive a nomination, each applicant's qualifications will be carefully reviewed and considered.

Please be aware that the timely submission and accuracy of your application are important to your success in the selection process. Be sure to carefully read and follow the guidelines outlined below. Above all, please keep a copy of all documents that you submit to my office for your records.

I look forward to an opportunity to meet you and to discuss your interest in attending a military service academy. Should you have any additional comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ayanti Grant of my Norwich District Office at (860) 886-0139.

Sincerely,

Joe Courtney  
Member of Congress

## INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION FOR ALL CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ☐ 1. *Application Form*: Complete and return the application form. Please attach a small photograph of yourself to the application.
- ☐ 2. *Official Academic Transcript*: Provide a copy of your official academic transcript(s) (high school(s) and/or college). Be sure that all transcripts are originals bearing your school's official seal. Please send us updated transcripts as final grades become available. (College students are required to submit both high school and university transcripts.)
- ☐ 3. *SAT or ACT Scores*: Submit all available scores. These scores are often included on your transcript. If this is not the case, please submit a copy of your results with your application or arrange for them to be sent to our office.
- ☐ 4. *Letters of Recommendation*: Obtain recommendations from three people (other than relatives) who know you well and can comment on your character, scholastic ability, etc. Recommendations can be from teachers, guidance counselors, employers, coaches, neighbors, or anyone you feel can honestly evaluate you as a person. Please give each of your designated recommenders one of the enclosed "Recommendation Forms". Please instruct him or her to return their recommendations to you in an envelope with their signature across the seal. All three are to be submitted with your application by October 29, 2010. On the application form, please provide the names and contact information of those people whom you expect to write your recommendations.

### PROCEDURES

- ☐ 1. All required documents *must* be submitted to Congressman Courtney's office ***no later than October 28, 2011*** for you to be considered for a nomination for admission in 2012. The office is located at: 101 Water Street, Suite 301 Norwich, CT 06360. This deadline will not be extended.
- ☐ 2. Please be sure to submit all documents to our office as a ***complete file***.
- ☐ 3. You will be asked to appear for a personal interview. The District office will contact you to schedule the interview, normally held on a weekend in early December.
- ☐ 4. If, after applying for a nomination, you decide you are no longer interested in an appointment, please notify our office.
- ☐ 5. It is not necessary to take the Academy Review Board's Physical Aptitude Exam until the

Academy requests you to do so. After you receive a nomination, if you appear to be qualified based on the facts in your Pre-Candidate file, the Academy will make an appointment for you to be examined.

# OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY

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## APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION Class of 2016

Please type or print neatly in black/blue ink.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle MM/DD/YY

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apartment #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town State Zip Code

Mailing or Temporary Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apartment #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town State Zip Code

Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Residence Temporary/Other

Social Security # \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address (If different than yours): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town State Zip Code

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Academy Choice: (In order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, or "Only")

\_\_\_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ West Point \_\_\_\_\_ Naval \_\_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine

*High School/College:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town State Zip Code

*School Phone #:* ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ *Date of Graduation:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Class Rank:* \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ *Guidance Counselor:* \_\_\_\_\_

*SAT Scores:* Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

*ACT Scores (If any):* Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

*AP Scores (If Any):* Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list your classes this year (making sure to note the levels: e.g. Honors, AP, etc.):*

| Semester One | Semester Two |
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*In the table below, please list the extracurricular, athletic, and community activities in which you participated during high school (and college). From top to bottom, please list the groups in order of their importance to you. Please include any positions held or awards received.*

| <b>Activity</b> | <b>Grades Performed</b> | <b>Hours Per Week</b> | <b>Offices Held, Awards Received</b> |
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*List any awards, honors, or special activities:*

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*Work Experience:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*List any family members who served in the military:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*List any family members who are Academy graduates:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In the nomination process, we hope to learn about each candidate as a whole. SAT scores, transcripts, and activity lists tell us only so much information about you as a person. Accordingly, the following short answer and essay questions will help us better understand you and your motivation for attending a United States Service Academy. Please remember that there are no right or wrong answers.*

*Write your response to one of the following short answer questions and the essay question on additional pieces of paper. Please make sure your name is on the top, right hand corner of each page.*

**Short Answer Question #1:** Which person, living or deceased, has had the greatest influence on your life? With an academy education, how would you be able to continue their work?

**Short Answer Question #2:** On the previous page, you were asked to list your activities by order of importance to you. Please tell us why you consider your top activity to be the most important. What have you learned from participating in that group, club, team, or activity? What have you added to the group? How will having participated affect you in the future?

**Essay Question:** Please write about your desire to attend a United States service academy. For example, you may wish to describe the event(s) that made you interested in attending a service academy. Furthermore, you may want to write about a family member or friend who was influential in your decision-making. Whatever topic you chose, paint a clear picture for us of why attending a U.S. service academy is right for you. (The average essay length is between one and three pages.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I swear that the material contained therein is truthful and accurate and the written material is my own.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION NO LATER THAN **OCTOBER 28, 2011** to:

Congressman Joe Courtney  
Attn: Ayanti Grant  
101 Water Street, Suite 301  
Norwich, CT 06360  
Fax: (860) 886-2974.

### ***Letters of Recommendation Supplement***

Enclosed with this application, please find three identical forms for you to submit to those people who will be writing your letters of recommendation. These recommendations should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the flap. Please notify these individuals of your **October 28, 2011** deadline.

Include all three letters of recommendation with your application.

Please provide us with the names of those people who are writing letters of recommendation for your candidacy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to You: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Known \_\_\_\_\_

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JOE COURTNEY, Member of Congress

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Last First Middle

*Your Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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*Relationship To The Student:* \_\_\_\_\_

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| Scholarship                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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